Oil and Natural Gas Corporation, Oil India Limited and private sector companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, two oil fields namely Panna & Mukta in Western offshore, were awarded to a Joint Venture consortium of Enron Oil & Gas India Ltd. (EOGIL), ONGC and Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) in 1994, with the following participating interests:

EOGIL	— 30% (Operator)
RIL	— 30%
ONGC	— 40%

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) Details are as under:

	Date of Takeover by JV	Production Prior to handing over	Production as on May 1998
Panna-Mukta-	22.12.94	1420 TPD	2600 TPD

(e) Government has announced a New Exploration Licensing Policy which offers attractive fiscal and other terms for Exploration and Production sector such as:—

— Level playing field to National Oil Companies vis-a-vis Private Oil Companies.

— Freedom to contractors for marketing of crude oil and gas in domestic markets.

— Royalty payment for Oil @12.5% for onland and 10% for offshore areas with 5% for first 7 years of production for deep water areas beyond 400 m bathymetry.

— Abolition of cess.

— Exemption from payment of import duty on goods imported for petroleim operations.

— Fiscal stability of contractor during entire period of contract.

Besides, Government has given infrastructure status to E &P sector which allows 7-years tax holiday.

This is expected to attract enhanced private capital for the sector and competitive participation by ONGC & OIL.

जैसलमेर-बाड़मेर में गैस के भण्डार

2547. श्री ओंकार सिंह लखावत: क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) राजस्थान के जैसलमेर-बाड़मेर क्षेत्र में पेट्रोलियम और गैस के कुल कितने भण्डार हैं;

(ख) सरकार द्वारा प्रतिवर्ष पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस निकालने के लिए क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किए गए हैं; और

(ग) क्या सरकार निर्धारित लक्ष्यों के अनुसार राजस्थान में प्राकृतिक गैस और पेट्रोलियम निकाल रही है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष कुमार गंगवार): (क) राजस्थान के जैसलमेर-बाड़मेर क्षेत्रों की निम्नवत् नौ संभावनाओं के अंतर्गत केवल प्राकृतिक गैस भारी मात्रा में पाई गई है:

आयल एण्ड नेचुरल गैस कारपोरेशन

~~मलेवा~~ टिब्बा, घोटारू, बाखरी टिब्बा, खरतार, बांकिया तथा साढ़ेवाला।

आयल इंडिया लिमिटेड

डांडेवाला, तनोत तथा बागी टिब्बा।

(ख) और (ग) वर्ष 1997-98 के दौरान राजस्थान में प्राकृतिक गैस का वास्तविक उत्पादन 134.6 मिलियन

घन मीटर के लक्ष्य की तुलना में 148.41 मिलियन घन मीटर हुआ था। कच्चा तेल राजस्थान में वाणिज्यिक मात्रा में नहीं पाया गया है।

Shortage of Asphalt in Gujarat

2548. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of asphalt in Gujarat for the last few years;

(b) whether it is a fact that sometimes there is sufficient production, but there is no satisfactory arrangement for its supply resulting in slow progress of development works; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to augment the supply of asphalt to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Bitumen supplies to Gujarat are on ex-MI basis, i.e. the customer arranges the transportation and the oil companies are loading the trucks reporting at the supply point. Accordingly, the oil companies are making supplies as per the number of State Government trucks reporting for upliftment of Bitumen of at the refinery.

Production Sharing Contracts with Private Companies

2549. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently signed production sharing contracts for 18 oil exploration blocks covering an area of around 50,000 sq. km. with 16 private companies;

(b) if so, the details of the terms and conditions fixed for such contracts;

(c) the details of oil likely to be produced under such contracts and to what extent it would effect the country's dependability of imports; and

(d) to what extent it would neutralise the effect of the economic sanctions imposed on India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Government of India had recently conveyed to concerned companies its willingness to sign Production Sharing Contracts for 18 exploration blocks. Out of these, contracts for 6 exploration blocks have been signed on 30.6.98.

(b) The contracts of oil and gas exploration blocks are Production Sharing Contracts with a contract period of upto 25 years. The Government of India would have the first right of refusal in respect of the oil produced under these contracts with companies being paid for their share of oil at international prices. Provision for participation by ONGC/OIL in the venture at the exploration and/or the development stage has been made and ONGC/OIL can take a participating interest up to 40% in the venture. Provisions have also been made for the development of commercially exploitable natural gas resources.

(c) The details of oil production from these blocks will be known only when a commercial discovery is made.

(d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.